

SECRET

NAME: SCHMIDT, Martin TITLE: Hqs 201-
Forestry Engineer.

ALIAS: MARTIN, Alfred (cover name)
SCHWULER, Manfred (used in Austria)
SUNDOW, Martin
SYDOW CRYPTONYM:

7-7502 Mrs. Habschwerdt
BORN: 5 Aug 1917; Malling/ RELIGION: Catholic

RESIDENCE: Bad Reichenhall/Ober., Rathausplatz 9/II. TEL: 2878, 3100.
Salzburg, Austria; Linzer Bundesstr 41.
Jun 54-) München-Obermenzing, Clarweinstr 12.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Photo
Height: 180cm Weight: ca 160 lbs Eyes: blue Hair: blond
Build: medium
Complexion: Teeth:
Scars:
Distinguishing features: small, receding, withdrawn lower lip, Speaks with
a heavy Silesian accent, difficult to understand.

PARENTS:
Father:
Mother:

SPOUSE: YASCHINE (nee ? GERSHBERG ?) (Gertrud; b. 24 Apr 1921 Königsberg/Ostpr.)
IX # By I 037208/52.

CHILDREN: LEBMICH, Joerges; b. 11 Oct 1947, Bad Reichenhall.

OTHER RELATIVES: GERSHBERG, Roderich (brother-in-law).

ZIPPER EMPLOYMENT:
BOD: June 1948
Payr 11 # 13708
Emergency #: GEL-144. NHB-300.
Position: Sachbearbeiter in Austria. 128.4 in GEFÜHR Headquarters.
Organization: OV A, BV Austria; BV 8, Salzburg; OV 6; BB; Section 122.
Cover Unit: Economic Survey Unit; 7940 Ordnance Procurement Team; 7930 Special
Topographical Unit; Technical Intel Branch; Industrial Research Unit; 7024 Army
Procurement Team.

DOCUMENTATION:
Passport: TTD 19273; TTD # 0000602.
KK (true): B 478048; By I 037209; 037209/52, Bad Reichenhall; B 13273.
KK (alias).
Fistul Permit: 3639 AA Auto Beretta Reg. GG-01098; Reg. B 046366.
7th Army E Letter: Issued 1953.
ZIPPER ID Card:
ZIPPER "E" Card?
Niklaus Gate Pass: # 1273 @ MARTIN voided 2 Jun 54. # 1276 @ SYDOW.

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REFERENCES

15 Oct 51, NMA-8576/7. Info on BV 8 personnel.
26 Oct 51, NMA-8798. Trace request.
26 Nov 51, NMA-9908. NY Vienna, CIC; CID Vienna, Salzburg.
28 Mar 52, NMA-1495. Trace: GMS - A & I Austria Same Rpt # 30, dtd 30 Aug 45
lists Martin SCHMIDT as agriculturalist. Field work during
war in Silesia, operation with Institute for Ecological
Mapping and Bioscience Research.
Trace: ECIC Pol Intel. Rpt # FI-40, 19 May 48 lists
Martin SCHMIDT, Propagandist, interned at Camp # 7299/14
near Jerch. Last seen in Western zone of Germany.
3 Mar 54, NMA-7853/4. BV 8 redesignated UV-15 & incorporated into GV C office.
1 Oct 53 (& designated "Waldkapelle Ost" - Austria).
24 Dec 57, NMA-30833. Personality Sheet & Photo of Subject for VENTURE Notebook.

Sketch of Martin SCHMID by

V-7501: Now the leader of Waldthausen Ost/UV-15 (since the transfer of V-7500 to the position of CI/CE Deputy (Referent III) of GV C, V-7501 has as his principal claim to fame the fact that he is V-7500's brother-in-law. He is Silesian, forester by formal training, lays claim to some "propaganda" activities during the war, but we know firmly only that he was employed on a forestry mapping project in Lithuania during WW II. He has served as deputy to his brother-in-law since 1948 and during one conversation I gathered he had ended the war in the West, had never returned to Silesia after the war, and so presumably has been associated with ZIPPER about as long as V-7500 (whose association goes back to 1946). Since June 1951, he has resided in an apartment in the Rathaus building in Bad Reichenhall, in which apartment are located the central files of WKO/UV-15. Rent, heat, light, and telephone, of course, are paid by ZIPPER. V-7501, who uses the name @ MARTIN in ZIPPER affairs (and, in Austria, the alias Manfred SCHMIDLER, in which name he has an I-Karte), is married, and has two small children, both pre-school or about school age. He has a mouth of rather peculiar shape: the lower lip recedes back to his mouth so that his lip is virtually invisible, this, plus his propensity for keeping his mouth almost closed while speaking (and strong Silesian accent overtones) make him rather difficult to understand (at least for me to understand.). He is a pleasant enough chap, will be 37 in Aug 54, drinks, smokes (pipe or cigars, preferably), in general build and stature practically a living example of "average", with reasonably good teeth (seldom visible), no indication of baldness, brown hair, and apparently excellent vision, as he never wears glasses. His disposition approaches the phlegmatic, and he appears to aspire to nothing more than the unhurried (and certainly not overtaxing) duties of his present position. Although he has acquired a fairly broad knowledge of prominent intelligence hacks in Austria in the course of his work (his memory is very good), and obviously is privy to everything his brother-in-law did while the latter was Chief, BV 3, (he accompanied his brother-in-law to most discussions with ZIPPER and POB members in Munich, and obviously was present at meetings in Bad Reichenhall, since they were held in his living room - officially V-7500's office), he is not, I think, a sincere intelligence officer. He gives the impression, rather, of being engaged in this work by chance, does not take it too seriously, and seems content to egotize in the pleasant mountain-rural surroundings. (Well he might - aside from his quarters, he has a Volkswagen provided him, and draws a salary of 755.30 RM monthly - as of Oct 53 he drew a total salary of 5,869.61 RM Jan thru Sep 53). His work has been almost mechanical - final editing and processing of reports, supervising card files (most of this is done by V-7504), and distributing assignments for investigations to subordinates - principally to V-7050. In the past year, he has taken over direct charge of V-5472, V-7501.2, and V-7501.3, and evidently plans to increase his operational activities, as he is hoping to fly to Vienna shortly to conduct a "CI Inspection" - whatever that is. In conversation with me he has never demonstrated an analytical approach to CI/CE (or to the intelligence business in general); the whole approach appears to be one of neighborhood checks; police file checks, and (on occasion) surveillance of persons of interest to ZIPPER HQs or to one of the ZIPPER field agencies. If he thinks at times of creating a structure to provide appropriate Austria-wide coverage (coverage now is pretty much limited to Salzburg, Linz, and Vienna, plus a tired old Hungarian shoe in Graz who provided "Karte Kisten" type reports for a few months until he was dropped - see V-5472.1, below), including penetration of emigre groups, he has never voiced such thoughts to me. His relationship to V-7500, however, gives him strong protection in the ZIPPER inner circles (his principal protector, of course, is @ KLAUSNER - ZIPPER CE Chief - but he may also enjoy some protection from @ HERDAHL, who supports V-7500 because of the latter's service as IC with @ HERDAHL). Rumor once circulated that V-7501 was the "real power" (certainly in any case fairly weak) of BV 3 - the rumor propagated by GROSSBAHN - but I discount this. V-7500 would probably be more discreet than V-7501, who frequently rattles off case histories in greater detail than necessary in response to my queries, but the fact that he runs the office (and has now become Chief of WKO/UV-15) is by design of V-7500, who pictures himself as thus forced for high-level intelligence activities. The outstanding characteristic of V-7501, and the organization he leads, I could say, is mediocrity - a plodding, unimaginative approach, content with piecemeal association with intelligence operations through background spade work usually involving only a central registry check and a visit to the home of the person in question, on a pretext of looking for someone else residing in the same street. It seems entirely possible that he is a good forester.

CC-MIDT, Martin

1950

- 11 Jan: Request for Residence Permit be issued to Martin SCHMIDT from the Salzburg Land Resettlement Office.
- 10 Apr: D-4793. Certificate of employment for Martin SCHMIDT.
- 1 Jun: D-4786. Certificate of employment for Martin SCHMIDT.
- 12 Aug: D-4623. Certification that Martin SCHMIDT is an employee of the Field Survey Detachment.
- 1 Oct: Economic Survey Unit Letter certifies that Martin SCHMIDT b. 5 Aug 17, was employed by this cover unit and had been receiving U.S. rations. Letter requesting assistance in obtaining documents for Subject to live in Bad Reichenhall, Austria.

1951

- 12 Jan: Duty rail travel - Berchtesgaden-Bremerhaven, Frankfurt, Koeln, Osnabrueck.
- 10 Jul: Economic Cover Letter # 777 establishing cover for Martin SCHMIDT in Bad Reichenhall under the Engineering Topographic Unit.
- 14 Sep: Housing Loan # 122 issued to Subject.
- 15 Oct: WELA-8576.
- 15 Oct: WELA-8577.
- 26 Oct: WELA-8798.
- 26 Nov: MAVL-9908.
- Dec: ID List. (cannot locate).

1952

- 10 Jan: Memo file on weapons issued Subject.
- 28 Mar: WASA-1495.
- 3 Oct: Economic Survey Unit letter certified that Martin SCHMIDT, living at Bad Reichenhall, 9 Rathaus Platz, was employed by this cover unit and was authorized to have U.S. goods in his possession.
- Dec: Subject shown on the "BV 3" Enns Bonus List, married with one child.

1953

- Jan: Duty Rail Travel indicated for Subject charged to BV 3.
- 22 Apr: Economic Survey Unit letter certified that Martin SCHMIDT, living at Bad Reichenhall, 9 Rathaus Platz, was employed by this cover unit and was authorized to have U.S. goods in his possession.
- 2 Oct: Organisation indicated at "GV C".
- 15 Oct: 7940 Ordnance Procurement Team certified that Martin SCHMIDT, residing at Bad Reichenhall, Rathausplatz 9, was employed by this cover unit (organisation shown as GV C).

1954

- Early: Sketch of Martin SCHMIDT, by []
- 18 Feb: M/R stating that Subject has an Austrian ID Card in the name of Manfred SCHMIDT, Linzergasse 9, Salzburg, Austria.
- 3 Mar: ECLA-7893.
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- 25 May: Gate Pass # 1279 issued @ MARTIN, Alfred, voided 2 Jun 54.
- 1 Jun: Gate Pass # 1276 issued @ SUNDOW, Martin.
- 1 Jun: Subject transferred from GV C (ex-38) to Section 122, as Referent. Payroll # 1087 as @ SUNDOW, Martin.
- 2 Jun: Gate Pass # 1279, voided.
- Dec: Duty rail travel indicated, charged to Section 122.
- 1 Jan: Subject signed for Volkswagen # 100, license # AB 25-4906 as transfer from Dr. Emerich OPCZAREN, (This V# # 100 was turned over to Theodor v.d. Osten-Sacken on 5 Jul 54).
- 15 Feb: Subject issued 7930 Sp. Topo. Unit ID Card # 87-56.

SCHMIDT, Martin

1946
Feb: Duty rail travel indicated for Subject and wife, Gertrude.

1946
Mar: Issued Beretta Pistol 9mm Serial 3639 AA. (KK By I 037209 b).
Sep: Pistol Permit voided.
Nov: M/R. @ SIDOW (128.4) has a new assistant in the true name/alias of Herr STUMM.

1947
Dec: @ SIDOW still designated 128.4.
24 " : Forwarding to Washington Personality Sheet and Photograph of Subject for inclusion into the U-VENTURE Notebook. (MEMO-30119).

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Martin SCHMIDT (born 5 August 1917 at Melling, Germany) April 1955

SCHMIDT joined the BND in 1948 without any known previous intelligence experience. Originally a forester by profession, he did some mapping field work during World War II in Lithuania and later was engaged in propaganda work for the Wehrmacht. Before his assignment to the BND Headquarters as a CK evaluator on Satellite Intelligence Services, he served for some years in a GNR field office. He is a methodical and somewhat dry officer but by no means difficult to deal with.

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